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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON

REF: (A) BEIRUT 865, (B) BEIRUT 898, (C) STATE 46806

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN BY NOW MY MESSAGE TO AMB. PARKER
INSTRUCTING HIM TO SUGGEST TO THE LEBANESE THAT, BEFORE
MOVING FORWARD ON THE CONCEPT OF A UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE
IN SOUTH LEBANON, THE LEBANESE SHOULD FIRST SOUND OUT THE
POSITION OF THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES, THE CHRISTIANS AND
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PLO/FATAH. WITHOUT THE ACQUIESCENCE AND COOPERATION
OF THESE PARTIES, A UN PRESENCE COULD NOT SUCCEED.

2. YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE ISRAELI
OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN THE APPROACH THAT AMB. PARKER WILL BE
MAKING TO BOUTROS AND ADD THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE ARE NOT TAKING A POSITION FOR OR AGAINST THE CONCEPT, BUT REMAIN OPEN-MINDED, THE SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON, HOWEVER, IS DANGEROUS. IT IS NOT ONLY THE FIGHTING BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS AND THE LEFTIST/PALESTINIAN REJECTIONIST GROUPS, BUT ALSO THE PROBLEM OF GENERAL LAWLESSNESS AND THE FLIGHT OF LEBANESE CIVILIANS FROM AREAS BEING SHELLED.

-- WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN FORCE IN SOUTHERN LEBENON, STATIONED EXCLUSIVELY IN LEBANON AND WITH NO MANDATE TO CROSS INTO ISRAEL FOR ANY REASON.

-- IF THE ISRAELIS HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT A UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING THEIR VIEWS AS TO WHAT REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES THERE MIGHT BE TO STABILIZING THE SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON.
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